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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 865  
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor Stephen James Mackie of Mt. Juliet  
and to recognize his tenacity in overcoming  
adversity.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize young Tennesseans who, through inner courage, perseverance, and strength of character, manage to rise above the threat of serious illness to excel in school, sports and other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Stephen James Mackie of Mt. Juliet, who served as a Senate Page for Senator Roy B. Herron on May 29, 2002, is one such determined young man; at age 12, Stephen has survived cancer and has undergone three transplants, the last on June 26, 2000 in which he received a new liver, two kidneys and bone marrow; and

WHEREAS, a seventh-grader at West Wilson Junior High School, Stephen is the best basketball player in the Challenger League and won his first trophy this spring; his bravery and achievements are a great source of pride for his parents, Terry D. Mackie and Sarah C. Mackie; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Mackie's commitment to overcoming his medical difficulties and reaching his full potential inspire the admiration and respect of all who know him, and are worthy of our acknowledgement and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Stephen James Mackie for his courage, persistence and character in overcoming his medical challenges and for his achievements in school, sports and other arenas of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Stephen every success, satisfaction and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.